

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2547

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/01/2015

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/01/2017

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 113-291, Sec. 3092

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 113-291, Sec. 3092

13. Effective Date

12/19/2014

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Regular Council Meeting

Start

06/04/2018

End

- 06/04/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$9,000.00 \$9,000.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$300.00	\$500.00
18d. Total	\$9,300.00	\$9,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.10

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council was established by Section 3092 (a)(6) of Public Law 113-291, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2. The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the preparation and implementation of the management plan.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

As described by the establishing legislation, the Council shall consist of 10 members, to be appointed by the Secretary, of whom: a. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the County Commission; b. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of Las Vegas, Nevada; c. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of North Las Vegas, Nevada; d. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe; e. One member shall be a representative of the conservation community in southern Nevada; f. One member shall be a representative of Nellis Air Force Base; g. One member shall be nominated by the State; h. One member shall reside in the County and have a background that reflects the purpose for which the Monument was established; and i. Two members shall reside in the County or adjacent counties, both of whom shall have experience in the field of paleontology, obtained through higher education, experience, or both.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Council will meet approximately 2-4 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. The inaugural meeting was held on June 16, 2016, and the second meeting was held on December 12, 2016. An informational sharing meeting was held via conference call on March 6, 2017. The June 6, 2017, and the November 6, 2017, meetings were cancelled by order of the Secretary of Interior. One meeting was held in FY 2018

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Qualified advice concerning issues that affect a wide array of subjects from those of simple local property owners to those that affect town, county, and state interests can only be attained from individuals who possess fundamental knowledge, understanding, and interest in those areas.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Council was established on July 1, 2015. The inaugural meeting was held on June 16, 2016, and the second meeting was held on December 12, 2016.

Designated Federal Officer

Diane Keith Superintendent

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baca, Mauricia	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	Director of Outside Las Vegas Foundation	Representative Member
Bonde, Joshua	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	Paleontologist	Representative Member
Brown, Robert	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	Director, Opportunity Village	Representative Member
Destefano, Jill	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	School Teacher	Representative Member
Henson, Marci	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	County Employee	Representative Member
Rodriguez, Victor	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	U.S. Air Force	Representative Member
Scott, Eric	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	Paleontologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tso, Benny	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	Las Vegas Paiute Chairman	Representative Member
Wolf, Art	02/09/2016	02/09/2019	Museum Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

One meeting was held in FY 2018.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

☐

Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

6

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Council met once in FY 2018. The meeting focused on updating the Council on park business; no new recommendations. During Fiscal Year 2017, the Council suggested forming two subcommittees: A Resource Management Subcommittee and a Visitor Experience Subcommittee. In FY 2016, this new Federal Advisory Committee met in an organizational meeting on June 16, 2016 for the first time. The DFO presented a preliminary plan of operations for the remaining fiscal year. The Council members made recommendations on the initial operations of this new NPS site including location and content for new interpretive kiosks, development of boundary signage, continuation of educational programming, and continuation of visitor operations at Corn Creek.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

83%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations are being implemented within the continuing operations of the park. Two Interp Rangers were stationed at the Corn Creek Visitor Center in partnership

with the USFWS and an educational display is being installed at Corn Creek. A Resource Management Subcommittee Charter was completed and signed by the DFO on March 3, 2017.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

One of the recommended Kiosk locations at Horse and Alliant Road is too dangerous due to current traffic patterns with 2 motor vehicle accidents having recently occurred at this corner. Opportunities to locate a Kiosk in the future may exist if the traffic patterns are improved and mitigated. The other 2 recommended Kiosk locations are moving forward. The agency believes that the establishment of a Visitor Experience Subcommittee is premature at this time and can be reconsidered when the Foundation Document is completed. The Resource Subcommittee primary function is to comment on the Foundation Document and that is occurring with the Draft document.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The primary form of feedback would occur at the Council meetings during the updates and status of project activities conducted by the DFO. Other less formal methods of communication can be by email and/or phone calls providing updates on particular issues.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

Not Applicable